# Preliminary Consultation MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

**Address:** 900 Jessup Blair Dr., Takoma Park **Meeting Date:** 6/27/18

**Resource:** Individually Listed Master Plan Site **Report Date:** 6/20/18

The Moorings/Jessup Blair House

**Applicant:** M-NCPPC **Public Notice:** 6/13/18

**Review:** Preliminary Consultation **Staff:** Dan Bruechert

**Proposal:** Building Rehabilitation

# **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the applicant make the recommended changes from the HPC and return for a Historic Area Work Permit.

# ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Individually Listed Master Plan Site: The Moorings/Jessup Blair House

STYLE: Federal/Greek Revival/Colonial Revival

DATE: 1850

# From *Places from the Past*:

"Originally known as The Moorings, the Blair family built this distinguished residence about 1850 as a summer retreat. The square, two-story frame house incorporates elements of Federal and Greek Revival styling, the design of the house has an unusual level of sophistication for the area. High style features include wooden corner quoins, louvered cupola, and paneled window openings. A pronounced door cornice with wide frieze rests on slender pilasters. Form nay years, the residence was home to Mary J. Blair, daughter-in-law of Francis Preston Blair, whose Silver Spring estate, located on the opposite side of Georgia Avenue, was namesake to the community. Mrs. Blair maintained a Washington residence in addition to this summer residence. Postmaster General Montgomery Blair, brother-in-law of Mary Blair, resided at The Moorings in the 1860s. The property remined in the Blair family until 1937 when Violet Blair Janin, grandchild of Francis Preston Blair, dedicated the property to the State of Maryland as a memorial to her brother, Jessup Blair.



# **PROPOSAL**

The applicant proposes to rehabilitate the building in six primary areas:

- Replace all windows;
- Remove the existing ADA ramp and replace it with a reconfigured ramp;
- Install a bilco metal cover over areaway on the south elevation;
- Convert a window on the rear into a door;
- Minor alterations for mechanical systems; and,
- Abandon an areaway on the south elevation to the library wing

# APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

Proposed alterations to individual Master Plan Sites are reviewed under Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A (Chapter 24A) and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Rehabilitation is defined as the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features, which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values.

# Montgomery County Code, Chapter 24A Historic Resources Preservation

- (b) The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:
  - (1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or
  - (2) The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter;

# Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

- 2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, space and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
- 3. Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.
- 4. Changes to a property that has acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved.
- 5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
- 6. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.
- 9. will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportions, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.
- 10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

# STAFF DISCUSSION

# **Window Replacement**

The applicant proposes to remove all of the existing windows in the property and replace them. The applicant identified five general window types in the application and accompanying window survey. There is physical evidence that all of the windows (the paired eight-light casement windows, wooden multi-light sash windows with metal sash cords, multi-light sash windows, single hung sash windows, and twelve-over-twelve sash windows) were installed later than the building's 1850 construction date. The windows in the library likely date to its 1942 construction, however, an exact date for the other windows is challenging to identify. All of the interior trim has been removed and only the windows from the 1942 addition retain their sills (see the attached window survey: Circle \_\_\_\_).

In reviewing the materials presented in the application and observations at a site visit, Staff finds that the windows in the building are not original to the house and have deteriorated beyond repair. The applicant seeks HPC guidance on the appropriateness of a complete window removal and Staff encourages the HPC to detail preferred specifications for replacement windows.

# Remove the Existing ADA Ramp and Replace it with a Reconfigured Ramp

The existing ADA ramp is located between the historic house massing and the library wing. It is constructed out of brick and poured concrete with an aluminum railing and does not meet current building codes. The existing ramp and railing also eliminate access to non-historic brick steps.

The applicant proposes to install a new code-compliant ramp and stairs that will be installed to provide access to the same entrance. The run of the proposed ramp extends to the south in front of the library wing before a 180° turn north to the door. Materials in the renderings show the ramp will have face brick and a pipe metal railing. To accommodate the reconfigured ramp, the swing of the door will have to be reversed.

Staff finds that while the proposed ramp will obscure more of the library wing than the existing ramp configuration, the proposal will create a safer, more usable entrance without detracting from the more highly decorated front elevation. Additionally, as the library space is to be community oriented, direct access to this space is significant to the proposed building operation. Staff further finds that changing the door swing will not detract from the historic character of the building and supports its approval.

The applicant seeks HPC guidance on the appropriateness of this design solution.

# **Install A Bilco Metal Cover Over Areaway on the South Elevation**

To the west of the ADA ramp is a narrow areaway that provides access to the basement below the historic house. There is a non-historic aluminum railing around this areaway. Access to this space needs to be maintained for proper building maintenance. This proposal will not relocate the existing gas meter.

The applicant proposes to remove the aluminum railing and to install a new bilco-type door. Staff finds that this proposal would de-clutter the appearance around the building by removing a non-historic railing and installing a new door at grade. Staff finds that this proposal will not substantially alter any of the historic features of the house and supports the proposal in concept.

The applicant seeks HPC guidance on the appropriateness of this solution as rehabilitation plans are further developed.

## Convert a Window on the Rear into a Door

The library wing to the southwest of the main house requires a secondary means of egress for occupancy. The applicant proposes converting a window on the east (rear) elevation of the library into a door. The door will be accessed by a new wooden set of stairs and landing.

The plans show a four-panel door with a transom above. It appears as though the window head height will match the transom head. Staff finds that this will create a more unified appearance that is compatible with the historic appearance. Staff further finds that the proposed location will in the southeast corner will have the least visual impact on the building's features.

The applicant seeks HPC guidance on the appropriates of creating a secondary means of egress in this location.

# Abandoning an Areaway on the South Elevation to the Library Wing

On the south elevation of the library wing, below the bay window, is an areaway that provides exterior access to the basement. Due to significant water infiltration through this area, the

applicant proposes to abandon this areaway and back fill, grade, and landscape the planting bed.

The basement space of the library wing has been utilized as a public space since its construction. Staff finds the stairs to be integral to the historic operation of the library wing. However, Staff recognizes that the stairs are not code compliant, and to make them code compliant would require enlarging the areaway significantly. When evaluating the proposal in totality, Staff supports the proposal to back fill this space and landscape it appropriately.

The applicant seeks HPC guidance on the appropriateness of abandoning this areaway and backfilling and landscaping the space.

# **Minor Alterations for Mechanical Systems**

The applicant proposes to make several modifications to mechanical systems in the house. These alterations will require the introduction of new vents and exterior mechanical systems. The applicant did not provide specifics about these proposals but indicates that the new systems will be installed to the rear of the house. Staff recommends any relocated mechanical systems be placed to the rear to minimize the visual impact on the historic house.

# **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the applicant make the recommended changes from the HPC and return for a Historic Area Work Permit.



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# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 301/563-3400

# APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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# THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

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eneral desc	ription of project and its effect on the historic resource(	s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:

### 2. SITE PLAN

Site and environmental setting, drawn to scale. You may use your plat. Your site plan must include:

- a. the scale, north arrow, and date;
- b. dimensions of all existing and proposed structures; and
- c. site features such as walkways, driveways, fences, ponds, streams, trash dumpsters, mechanical equipment, and landscaping.

# 3. PLANS AND ELEVATIONS

You must submit 2 copies of plans and elevations in a format no larger than 11" x 17". Plans on 8 1/2" x 11" paper are preferred.

- a. Schematic construction plans, with marked dimensions, indicating location, size and general type of walls, window and door openings, and other fixed features of both the existing resource(s) and the proposed work.
- Elevations (facades), with marked dimensions, clearly indicating proposed work in relation to existing construction and, when appropriate, context.
   All materiels and fixtures proposed for the exterior must be noted on the elevations drawings. An existing and a proposed elevation drawing of each facade affected by the proposed work is required.

# 4. MATERIALS SPECIFICATIONS

General description of materials and manufactured items proposed for incorporation in the work of the project. This information may be included on your design drawings.

# 5. PHOTOGRAPHS

- Clearly labeled photographic prints of each facade of existing resource, including details of the affected portions. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.
- Clearly label photographic prints of the resource as viewed from the public right-of-way and of the adjoining properties. All labels should be placed on the front of photographs.

## 6. TREE SURVEY

If you are proposing construction adjacent to or within the dripline of any tree 6° or larger in diameter (at approximately 4 feet above the ground), you must file an accurate tree survey identifying the size, location, and species of each tree of at least that dimension.

# 7. ADDRESSES OF ADJACENT AND CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS

For <u>ALL</u> projects, provide an accurate list of adjacent and confronting property owners (not tenants), including names, addresses, and zip codes. This list should include the owners of all lots or parcels which adjoin the parcel in question, as well as the owner(s) of lot(s) or parcel(s) which lie directly across the street/highway from the parcel in question.

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# 1.a. DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING (including features and significance)

The Moorings/Jesup Blair Park facility is significant at national, state, county, and local levels. It is designated in the Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation and is eligible for inclusion in the National Register. The Moorings is the only mansion and country estate remaining of the three country estates established by Francis Preston Blair, Silver Spring's founder, and adviser to U.S. Presidents in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century.

The two-story, wood frame structure was built in 1850 by Francis Preston Blair for his son James Blair, a U.S. Naval officer, and his wife Mary. Lincoln's Postmaster General, Montgomery Blair, lived at The Moorings during the Civil War after his mansion, Falkland, was burned to the ground (See Section 5, Photograph 1). Violet, James' eldest child, inherited the house and grounds, living there until her death in 1933. In her will, she bequeathed the property to the state of Maryland and renamed it Jesup Blair Park in honor of her deceased and only brother. She further specifically indicated that all of the trees on the property were to be preserved. The property was subsequently transferred to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), which is its current steward (Section 5, Photograph 2).

In 1934 the house was modified for use as the second home of the Silver Spring Public Library, serving in that capacity until 1957. Prominent regional architect Howard Wright Cutler, who had designed over 100 schools in Montgomery County, altered the home's exterior to reflect the then popular Colonial Revival-style of architecture (Section 5, Photograph 3). This work included the removal of the home's original front porch and the application of quoins to the corners of the structure. The rear addition was constructed later in 1942.

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, the house served as the local headquarters for the Selective Service Board No. 53.

In 1991, the house took on the renewed purpose of housing residents when Montgomery County's Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) converted the building from office space to protective housing for single mothers. Ten apartments were constructed, altering most of the house's original interior fabric (Section 5, Photographs 4 - 6). The only extant original fabric is the center hall stairway with turned wooden railings and several panes of original glass, located in the front door's transom and side lights.

During the course of the building's use by HOC, the house fell into disrepair and in 2008, HOC vacated the building. Since that time, several conditions assessments and plans for the structure have been prepared, and maintenance of the exterior and grounds has been ongoing.

# 1.b. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT AND ITS EFFECT ON HISTORIC RESOURCES (the environmental setting and historic district)

The building is located in a 14.5-acre, grassy, open, urban park. The irregularly shaped park is defined by Georgia Avenue on the west, Jesup Blair Drive on the north, Fenton Street on the east, and Blair Road on the south. The house sits approximately in the center of the park, set back from and facing Georgia Avenue.

In accordance with the findings of the conditions assessments, the Department of Parks proposes a rehabilitation of the Jesup Blair House to be carried out in two stages.

- Stage 1 (COMPLETED, with HPC approval) stabilized the building by stemming the water infiltration and remediating mold growth and lead paint.
- Stage 2 consists of rehabilitating the structure to bring it up to current building codes such that it can be leased as office space. No changes to the general footprint of the building are proposed as part of these plans.

MNCPPC is in currently in the design phase for the house's rehabilitation. The majority of Stage 2 will involve interior work. MNCPPC seeks the HPC's guidance on those portions of the project involving exterior alterations, as describe in the following and the included 30% plan drawings<sup>1</sup>:

- Replace all windows
- · Remove existing handicap entrance and replace
- Install Bilco-type metal cover over areaway on south elevation
- Convert window in east (rear) elevation of library wing to a door, as required for egress per life/safety codes
- Abandon areaway providing access to library wing basement via south elevation
- Other alterations, such as installation of gable vents, replacement of mechanical systems, minor regrading and site alterations (sidewalks, etc.)

MNCPPC will provide the HPC with additional information in greater detail as the project elements are refined later in the design process. At this point, MNCPPC seeks the HPC's input on these initial concepts to inform the final design submission.

### Windows:

Following the completion of a window inventory (see Section 3., PLANS AND ELEVATIONS, below), MNCPPC assigned the building's windows to five general types:

• Paired eight-light, wooden casement windows, found in the first floor of the west (front) façade of the main block of the house.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These drawings are 30% plans that will be revised based on input from the HPC and through project refinements. Certain project elements, such as the ADA entrance ramp and stairs, have changed since the drawings were prepared. These changes are called out in the narrative and supplemental illustrations.

- Wooden multi-light (six-over-six and four-over-four) sash windows, likely one-over-one, with the bottom sash weighted by metal tape that spools into a disc-like cassette, similar to a tape measure. These windows are found in all four elevations of the main block of the house.
- Wooden multi-light (six-over-six and four-over-four) double-hung sash windows, found in the main block of the house and the rear ell.
- Wooden six-over-six (likely) single-hung sash windows with hooded sash cords, found in the 1942 library wing.
- Wooden twelve-over-twelve double-hung sash windows, employing aluminum tracks and flashing, and possibly spring weights, found in a 1942 rear addition connecting the main block to the library wing.

The date of some of these windows can be assigned to certain building phases (the sash in the library, for example, almost certainly dates to the library's 1942 period of construction). The date of the remainder of the windows, however, is more difficult to pin down. Physical evidence suggests that none of the windows are original to 1850 date of construction of the main block. Whether the windows in the main block and rear ell pre-date architect Howard Wright Cutler's 1934 alterations to the building or are from his library conversion could not be determined (see the discussion of the 'strap pulley' and casement windows in the window inventory and assessment that follows).

MNCPPC prepared an inventory and assessment of each of the windows in the building. Because nearly all of the building's interior finishes were removed previously as part of a hazardous material abatement, almost none of the windows have trim and many have no sills (the only windows with extant trim are some of the windows located in the library, which retained its plaster). Virtually all the windows in the building have suffered damage or deterioration of some sort. Nearly all the windows have damaged stiles, due to window locks and/or alarm systems that were installed at some point. Most have damaged muntins. Some have missing or replaced pieces. In many cases, sills are missing or broken. Some windows suffer from racking or rot. All the windows are fixed in place by screws, likely done to secure the building after HOC vacated the house in 2008. The windows have lead paint. Although many windows can be made lead safe, the lead in the 'strap pulley' windows would be difficult to abate, due to the way that the mechanism retracts the strap into the cassette (which would retain lead dust). Many of the 'strap pulley' window's straps are broken or missing, making it challenging to restore these windows to an operable condition.

MNCPPC seeks the HPC's guidance as to whether a complete window replacement would be warranted in this instance, due to the extent of the deterioration of the windows, the difficult challenge of making the windows operable and lead safe, and code issues related to the building's change of use.



Photo A. Exterior, six-over-six 'strap pulley' cassette sash windows (top) and casement windows (bottom)



Photo C. 'Strap pulley' window with intact strap and damaged stile



Photo B. Detail of 'strap pulley' cassette, set into four by four stud

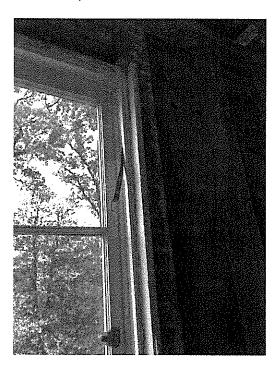


Photo D. 'Strap pulley' window with detached strap

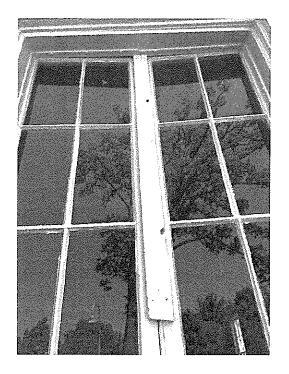


Photo E. Casement window, exterior

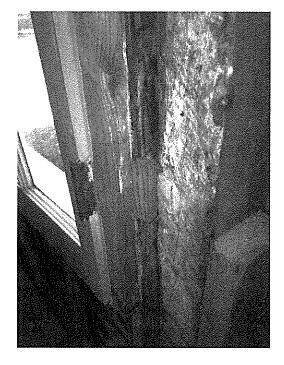


Photo G. Casement window, interior, hinge detail

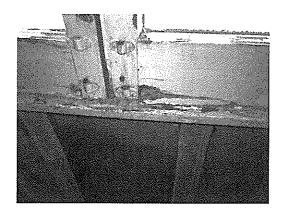


Photo F. Casement window, interior, showing hardware and damage



Photo H. Twelve-over-twelve window, replacement bottom rail



Photo I. Four-over-four double-hung window

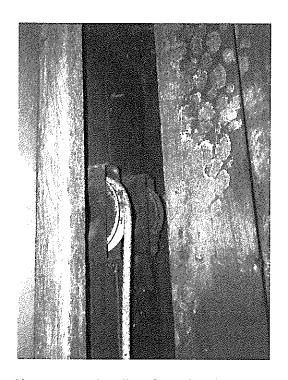


Photo J. Detail, pulleys from double-hung window

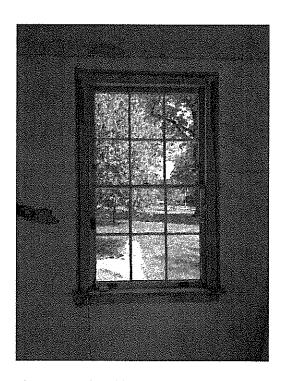


Photo K. Sash in library wing, likely dating to addition's 1942 date of construction

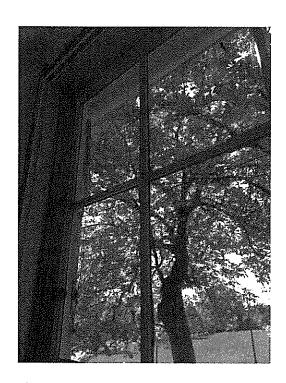
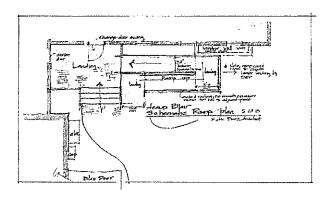


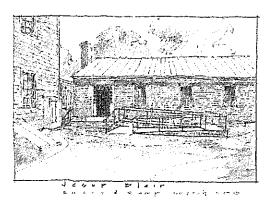
Photo L. Detail, sash in library wing

## **Accessible Entrance:**

As MNCPPC contemplates a public use for the Moorings, the agency is committed to making the building accessible. The extant ADA ramp does not meet current code requirements. MNCPPC proposes removing the extant ramp and steps and replacing them with a code-compliant ramp and steps. (NOTE: The scheme proposed in the plans has been replaced with the concept schematic ramp plans.) Because this entrance is somewhat removed from public view (it is located opposite the parking lot and away from main pedestrian routes), MNCPPPC believes it is important to make the entrance more inviting and obvious. This entrance will provide direct access to the Silver Spring Historical Society's archives, which will be located in the library wing's basement, and the library space, which could become venue for public events, such as lectures, presentations, or events.

The proposed ramp and stairs would invite all visitors to approach the ADA library entrance from the same path. Three stairs rise directly to a slightly enlarged landing, while the ADA ramp switches back parallel to the library wing. The ramp will be faced in brick. The ramp will be forward of the existing window well, such that the ramp will not engage the building and the window well will continue to receive daylight. The ramp, steps, and landing will have metal railings (see example in Section 4), but because the height above grade may not trigger life-safety codes requirements, spindles may not be needed, thereby lessening the ramps visual impact. The door swing will be reversed, for access purposes.





MNCPPC seeks the HPC's affirmation that proposed accessible entrance, including reversing the door swing, is consistent with the HPC's criteria for approval.

Cover Areaway: An existing areaway that provides access to the basement under the main mass of the house creates maintenance and security issues, as well as provides an opportunity for significant water infiltration in the basement. The areaway provides necessary external access to mechanical systems in the basement and needs to be retained. MNCPPC proposes securing the areaway with a metal, Bilcotype cover (see example in Section 4). The existing railings would be removed. The gas meter, a cabinet housing the electrical equipment, and the existing handicap ramp are clustered on the side (south) elevation, nearby the existing areaway, so the introduction of a cover over the areaway will not be the first alteration in the area. Relocation of the utilities *is not* contemplated, due to cost and complexity involved.

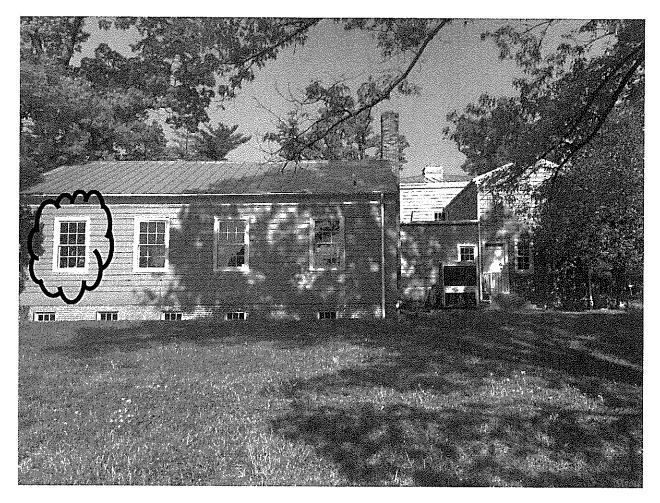


Areaway at side (south) elevation, library ADA entrance at right. Note gas meter and electrical cabinet.

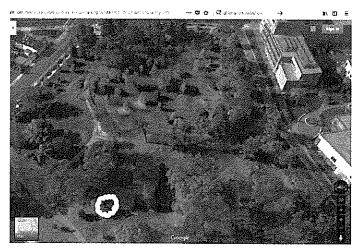
MNCPPC seeks confirmation that a metal areaway cover of some sort is consistent with the HPC's criteria for approval.

Add Egress Door: Due to the change in use and the square footage of the existing library addition, the code requires a second means of egress from the room. MNCPPC proposes converting a window in the rear (east) elevation to a door, accessed via a small wooden landing and steps. The door would be inserted in the location of the existing window. This is a secondary elevation in a later addition.

Although visible from the park, this alteration would have minimal impact on significant views or building fabric.



Proposed location of new egress door, east elevation of library wing (above), and illustrating context and visibility within Jesup Blair Park (right) (Illustration: googlemaps)



MNCPPC seeks the HPC's guidance on the proposal to convert this window to a door in order to meet secondary egress requirements related to the building's change of use.

**Abandon Areaway:** An areaway providing access to the library wing basement creates maintenance and safety problems and provides an opportunity for significant water infiltration in the basement. MNCPPC proposes abandoning this areaway. The stairs would be removed, backfilled, graded to provide positive drainage, and landscaped like the adjacent planning bed. Access to the library wing basement would be via a new, internal stair.



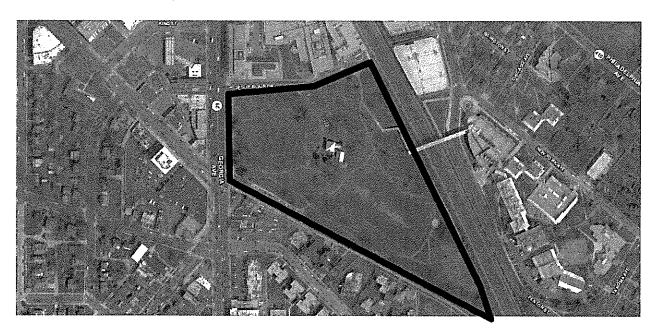
Areaway providing access to library wing basement.

MNCPPC seeks confirmation that abandoning this areaway is consistent with the HPC's criteria for approval.

# Other alterations:

Additional exterior alternations are contemplated, all of which are relatively minor in nature. Mechanical equipment will be replaced. The equipment will be consolidated at the rear, where systems are currently located. Vents to provide greater air circulation will be installed in the library gable ends. Paved walkways within the park may be altered. Drainage may be improved.

# 2. SITE PLAN: Attachment D.



# 3. PLANS AND ELEVATIONS:

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# Jesup Blair Window Inventory and Assessment

Key

1 Windows identified with a black circle (1) are multilight wooden, (likely) single-hung sash windows. The bottom sash is weighted by metal tape that spools into a circular, disc-like cassette, similar to a tape measure. These cassettes are inserted into the studs that frame each window opening. Though consultation with architectural historians at Mount Vernon, it was determined that these are 'strap pulleys' that were in wide use beginning at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. These strap pulleys were employed when the window frame was constructed without enough room for pocket weights, as is the case in the Jesup Blair House. The earliest patent known to Mount Vernon staff is c1880s, which post-dates Jesup Blair House's date of construction. The popularity of this system through the twentieth century, particularly in situations that did not



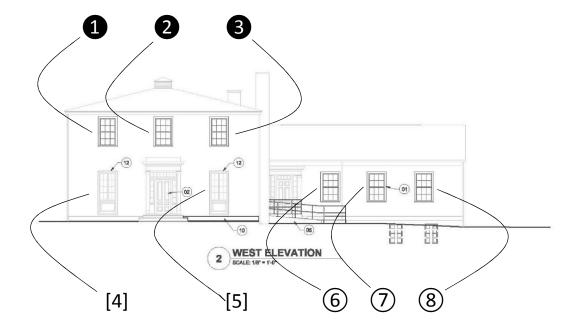
allow for pocket weights, gives credence to the theory that these windows date to a later development phase, including possibly the significant building campaign in the 1940s.

- <22> Windows identified with 'less-than, greater-than' symbols (<22>) are multi-light wooden, double-hung sash windows, with traditional sash weights suspended by rope cords.
- [4] Windows identified with brackets ([4]) are paired, eight-light wooden casement windows with what appears to be 20<sup>th</sup> century hinges and hardware.
- 6 Windows identified with a white circle (6) are six-over-six, (likely) single-hung wooden sash windows with traditional sash weights suspended by rope cords.

  These windows are located exclusively in the Library addition, which was constructed in 1942.



Windows identified with simple digits (16) are twelve-over-twelve, wooden sash windows. These windows are non-historic, obviously dating to a later building phase. They employ aluminum tracks and flashing (and possibly springs), rather than sash weights.



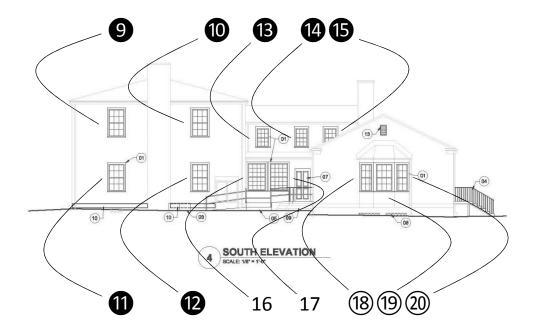
123 Six/Six (likely) single-hung sash with weighted coil tape

[4][5] Paired eight-light casement

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678 Six/Six (likely single-hung) sash with pocket weight





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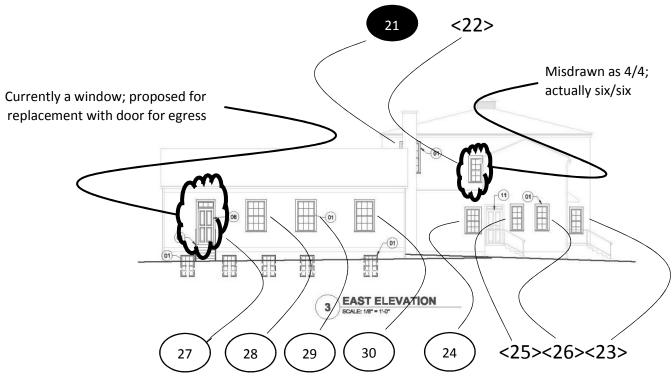
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16, 17 12/12 double-hung, later replacements with aluminum tracks and flashing

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(18 (19 (20) Six/Six (likely single-hung) sash with pocket weight





Six/Six (likely) single-hung sash with weighted coil tape

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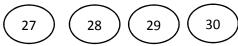
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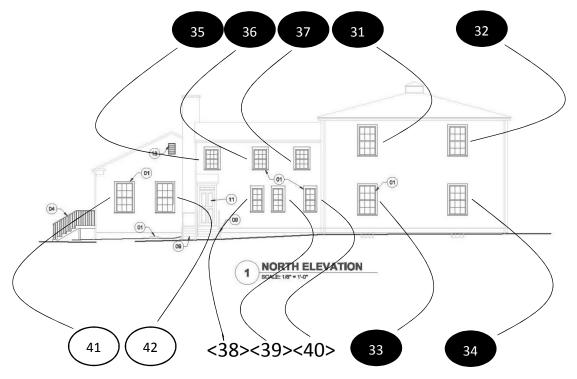
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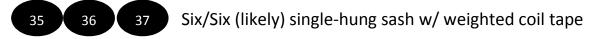






Six/Six (likely) single-hung sash with weighted coil tape

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<38><39><40> Four/Four, double-hung sash with pocket weights

# **Library Addition**



Six/Six (likely single-hung) sash with pocket weight



Kev	Location	type	Discription	Location of Issue	Example
	West elevation, upper, north	Tape Pulley, 6/6	Damaged muntin in top sash		
2	West elevation, upper, center	Tape Pulley, 6/6	Two damaged muntins in top sash, missing sill		
3	West elevation, upper, south	Tape Pulley, 6/6	Missing sill		
4	West elevation, lower, north	Casement	Bottom rail damaged, two damaged muntins, missing sill		
	West elevation, lower, south	Casement	Missing sill		

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6	West elevation, library, north	6/6 (likely) single hung			
7	West elevation, library, center	6/6 (likely) single hung	missing frame/stop		
8	West elevation, library, south	6/6 (likely) single hung	missing frame/stop, damaged muntins		
9	South elevation, upper, west	Tape Pulley, 6/6	two damaged muntins in top sash, racking		
	South elevation, upper, east	Tape Pulley, 6/6	Missing muntin in top sash, damanged muntins in bottom sash, sill is broken, joint seperation		

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11	South elevation, lower, west	Tape Pulley, 6/6	Broken sill, joint seperation		
12	South elevation, lower, east	Tape Pulley, 6/6	Sill missing, damaged muntins in top and bottom sash, stiles damaged		
13	South elevation, ell, upper, west	Tape Pulley, 6/6	Damaged muntins in top sash, stiles damaged, meeting rails damaged	Öe B	
14	South elevation, ell, upper, center	Tape Pulley, 6/6	Damaged muntins in top sash, meeting rail damaged, stiles damaged, broken sill	8 5	
	South elevation, ell, upper, east	Tape Pulley, 6/6	Damaged muntins in top and bottom sash, damaged meeting rail, sill broken		

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16	South elevation, ell, lower, west	Non-historic 12/12	Damaged muntins in top sash, bottom rail has been replaced, muntins in bottom sash replaired with bondo/putty, sill missing		
17	South elevation, ell, lower, east	Non-historic 12/12	Damaged muntins in top sash, broken sill		
18	South elevation, library, west	6/6 (likely) single hung	Damaged muntins in top sash, damaged stiles		
1	South elevation, library, center	6/6 (likely) single hung	Damaged muntins in top sash, damaged stiles		
	South elevation, library, east	6/6 (likely) single hung	Damaged muntins in top sash, damaged stiles		

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21	East elevation, upper, south	Tape Pulley, 6/6	Damaged muntins in top sash, joint seperation in bottom sash, missing sill		
22	East elevation, upper, north	6/6, double hung	Damaged muntin in top sash, racking bottom rail of top and bottom sash, sill missing		
23	East elevation, lower, south	4/4, double hung	Damaged muntins in top and bottom sash, damaged meeting rail, damaged stiles, bottom rail replaced		
24	East elevation, lower, north	6/6 (likely) single hung	Damaged muntins in top and bottom sash, joint damage in bottom sash, broken sill, racking		
	East elevation, ell, south	4/4, double hung	Damaged meeting rail and bottom rail		

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	East elevation, ell, north	4/4, double hung	Damaged muntin in top sash, split stop, broken sill		
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28	East elevation, library, center south	6/6 (likely) single hung	Entire case has been replaced, damaged muntins in top and bottom sash, top rail and meeting rail and bottom rail damaged		
	East elevation, library, center north	6/6 (likely) single hung	Damaged muntins in top and bottom sash, meeting rail damaged, bottom rail dry rot and damage, bottom sash about to fall out		
	East elevation, library, north	6/6 (likely) single hung	Damaged muntins in top and bottom sash, dry rot on bottom rail		

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	North elevation, upper, east	Tape Pulley, 6/6	Damaged muntins in top sash, replaced muntin in top sash, bottom rail & sill broken		
32	North elevation, upper, west	Tape Pulley, 6/6	Damaged muntins in top sash, racking, dry rot in bottom rail, sill broken		
33	North elevation, lower, east	Tape Pulley, 6/6	Damaged muntins in top and bottom sash, meeting rail damaged, sill broken		
34	North elevation, lower, west	Tape Pulley, 6/6	Damaged muntins in top and bottom sash, damaged stiles, sill broken		
35	North elevation, ell, upper, east	Tape Pulley, 6/6	Damaged muntins in top sash, damaged stiles, damaged meeting rail		

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38	North elevation, ell, lower, east	4/4, double hung	Damaged muntins rebuilt with putty, rotten bottom rail, sill missing		
39	North elevation, ell, lower, center	4/4, double hung	Damaged muntin in top sash, damaged stiles		
40	North elevation, ell, lower, west	4/4, double hung	Damaged muntins in top and bottom sash, damaged stiles, rot in bottom rail, broken sill		

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	North elevation, library, west	6/6 (likely) single hung	Damaged muntin in top sash, racking		

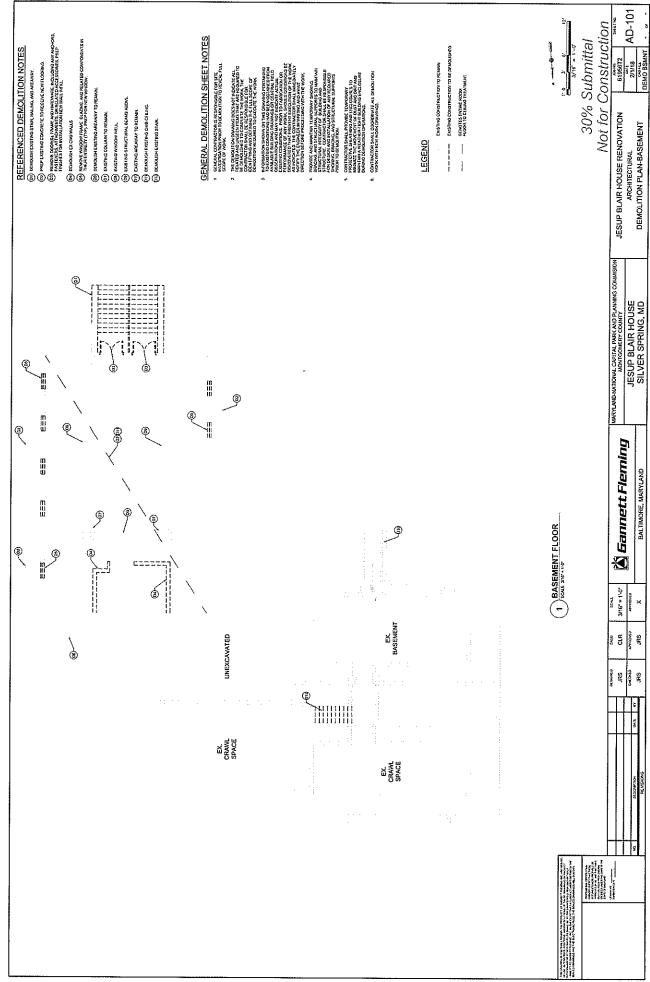
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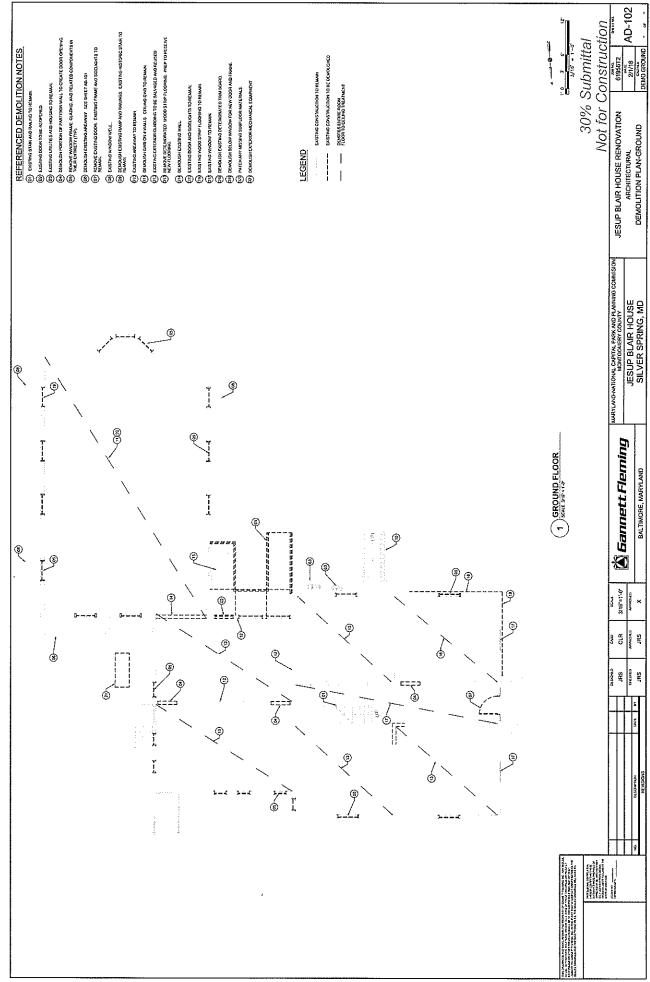
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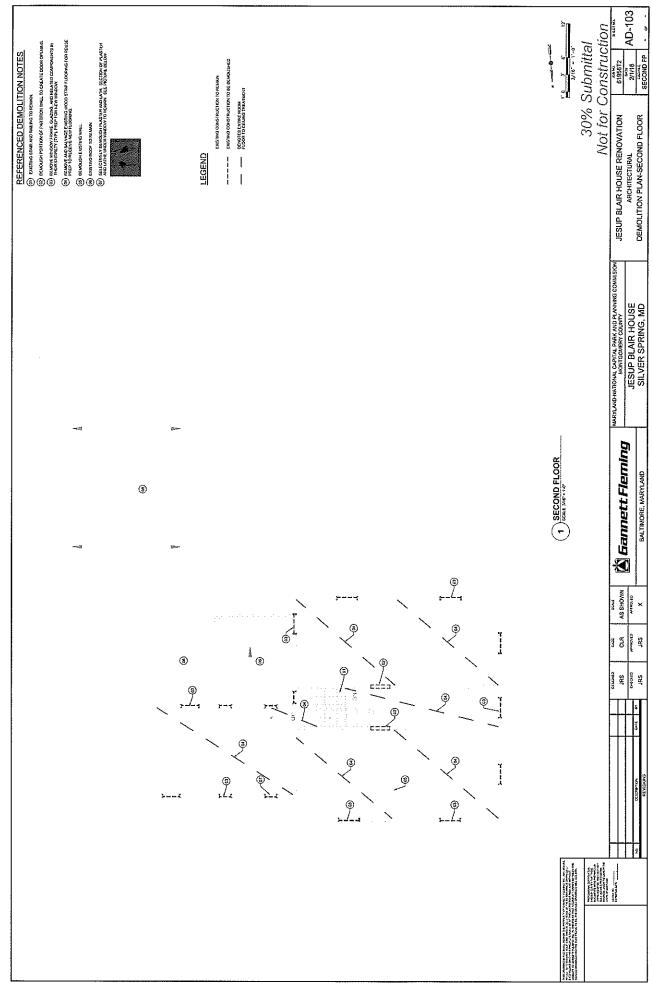
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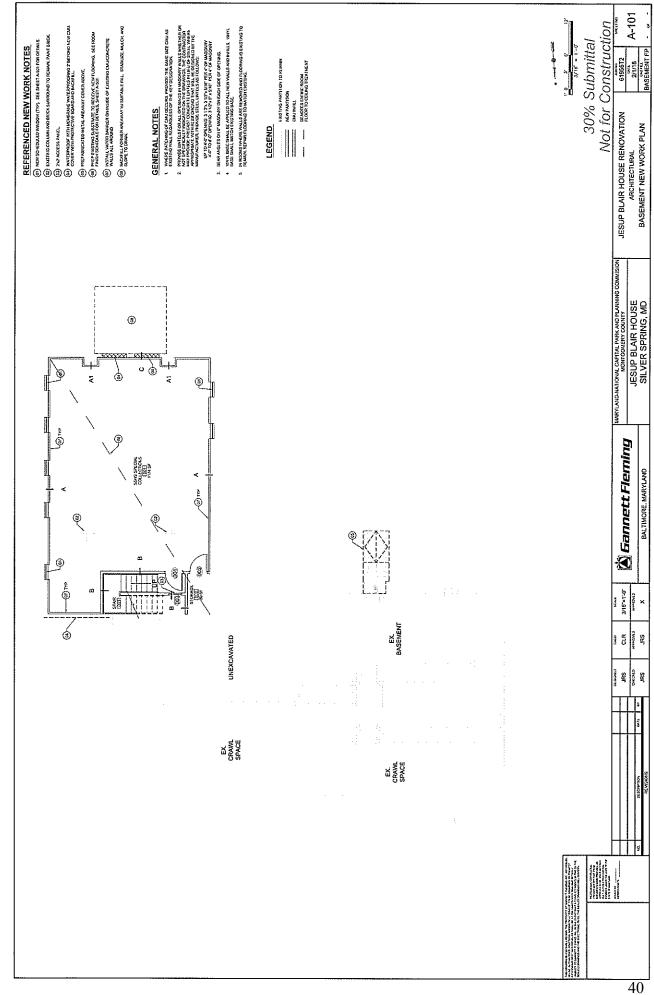
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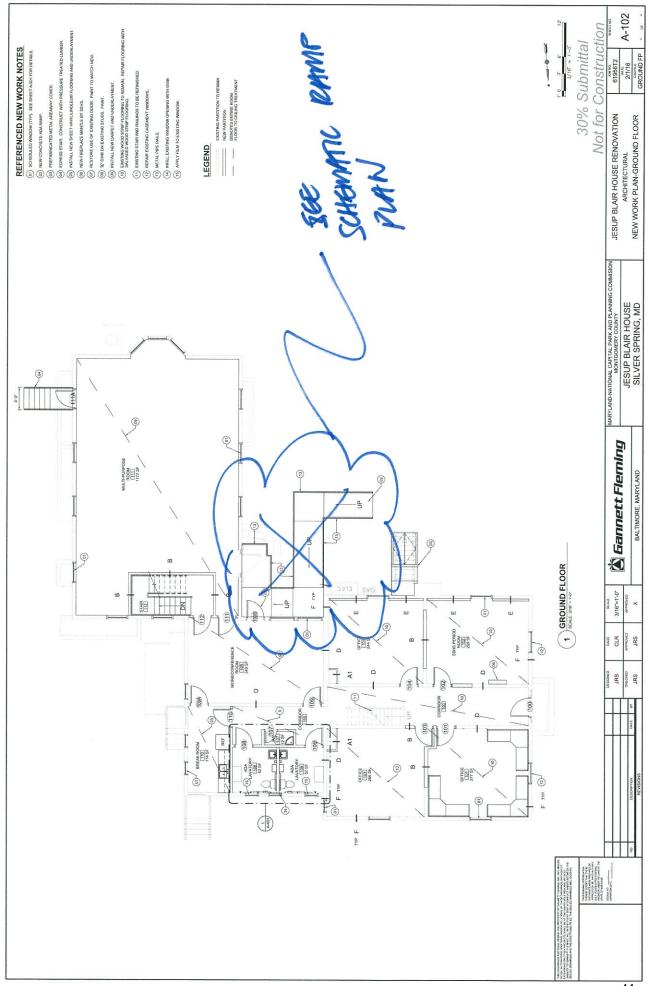
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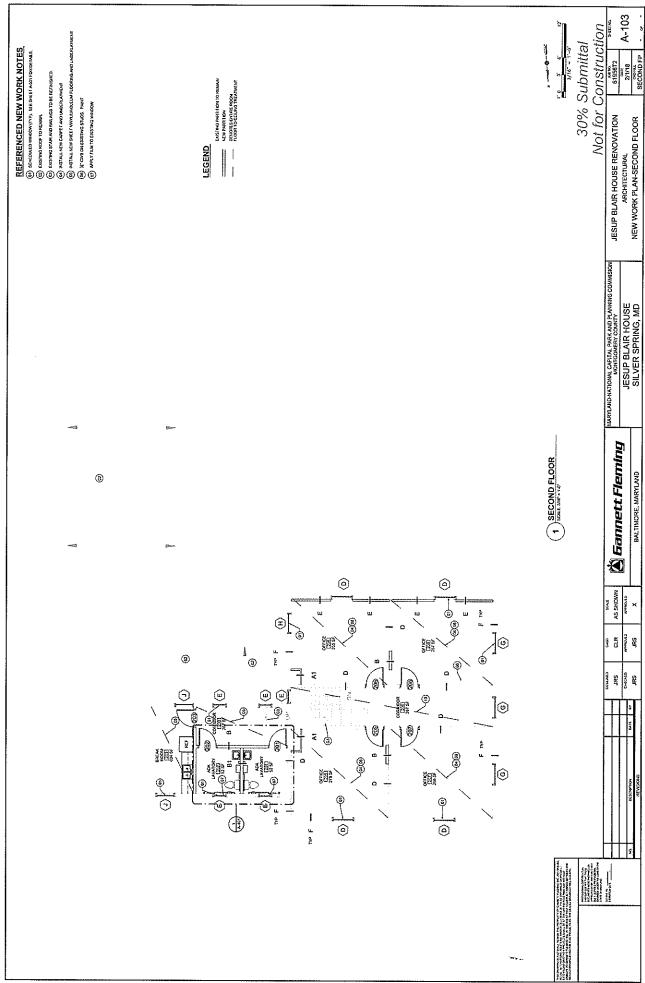


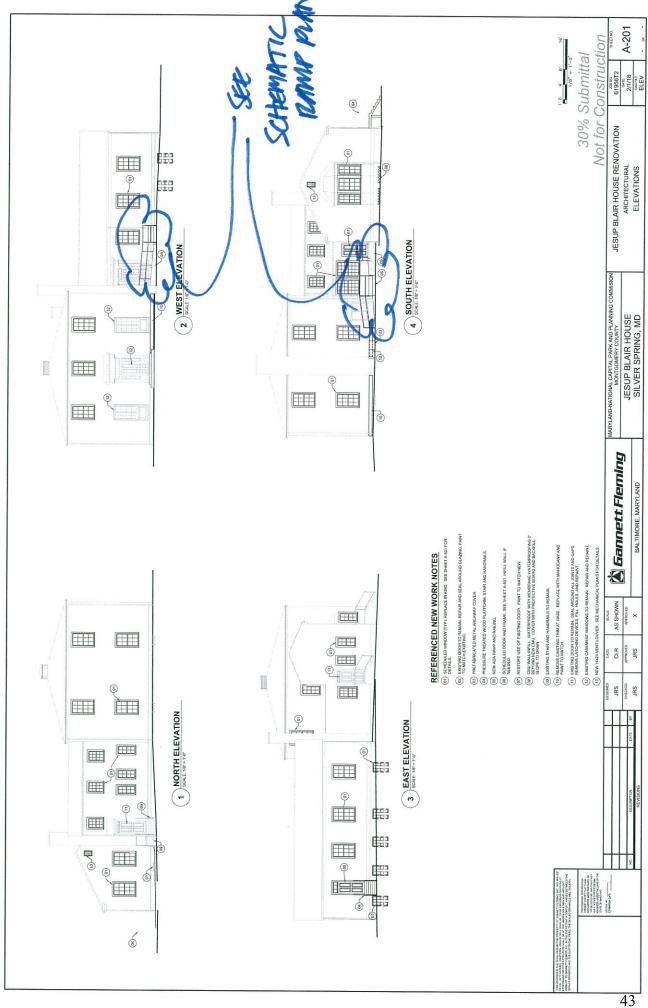


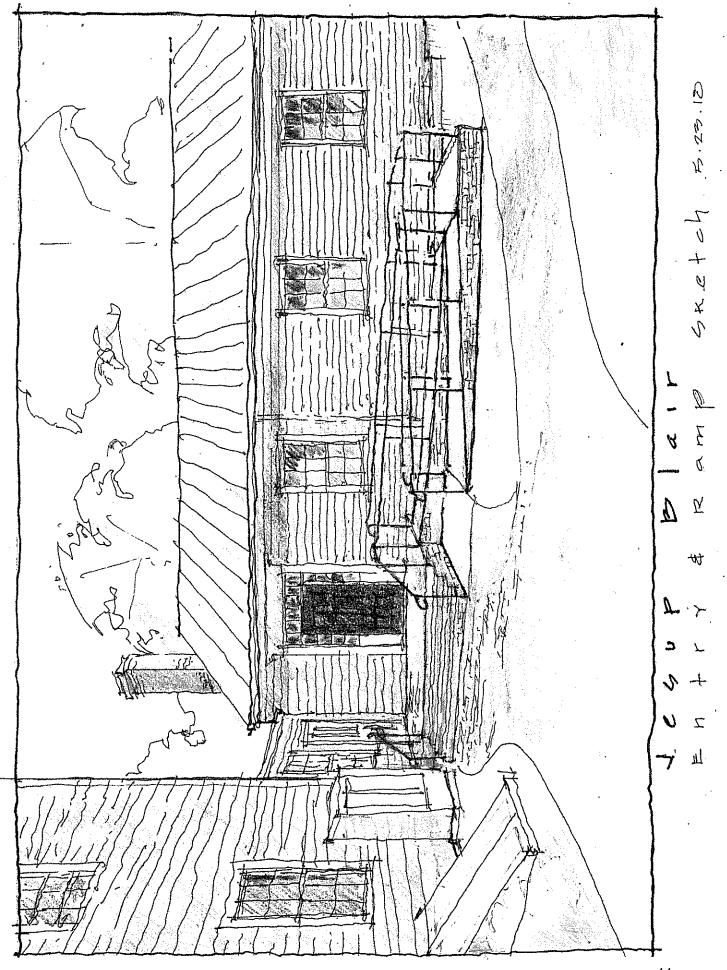


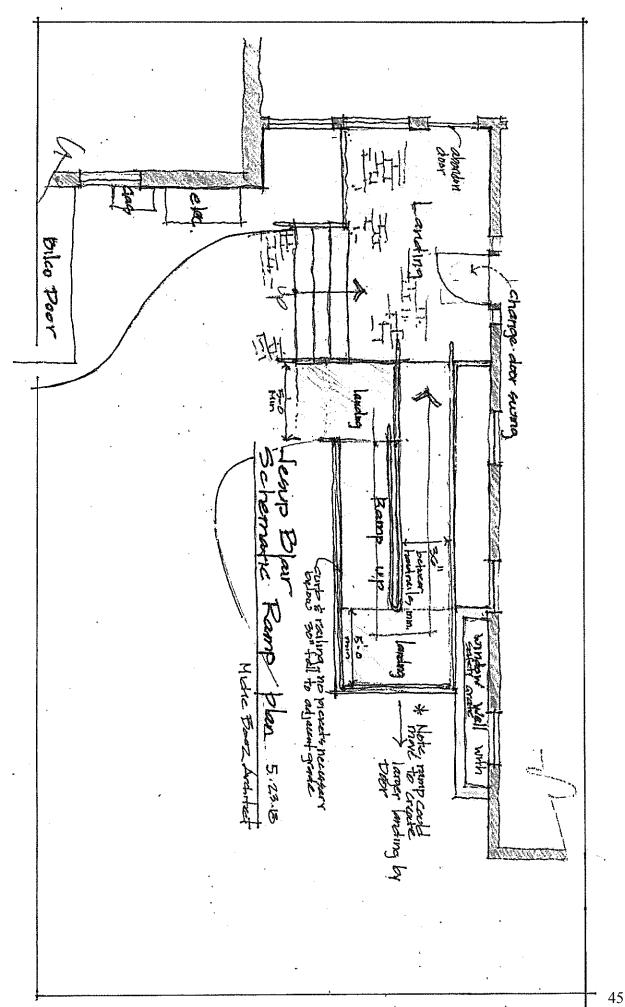




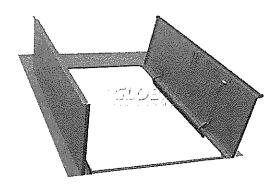




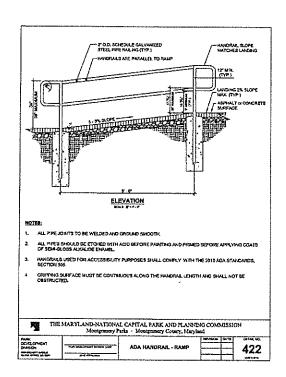




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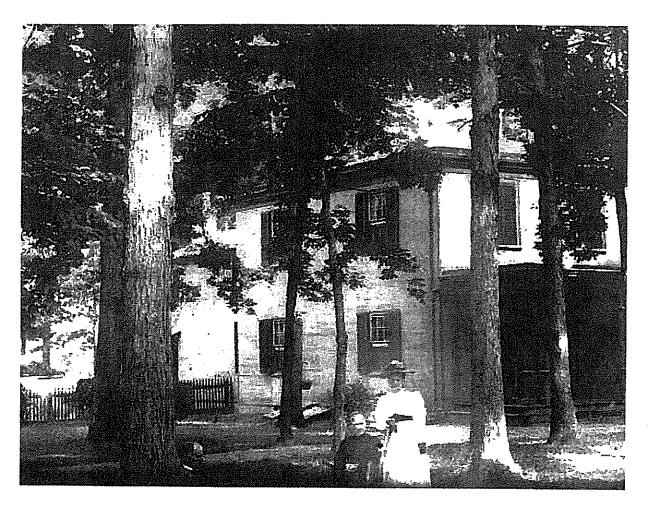


**Typical Areaway Cover** 



Illustrative ADA Handrail – Ramp

#### 5. PHOTOGRAPHS:

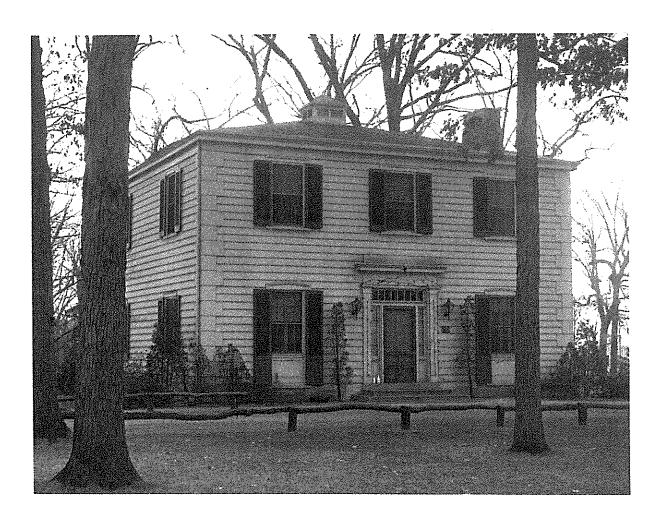


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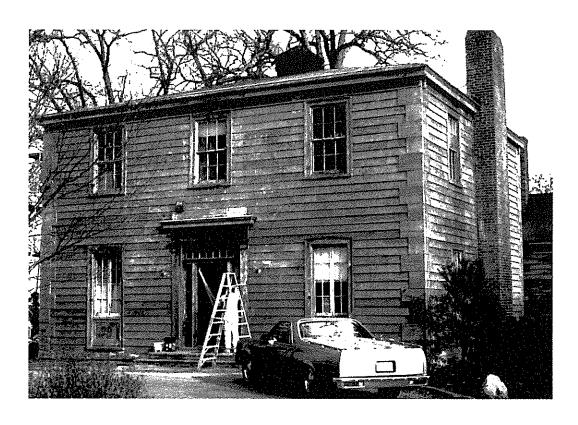
Members of the Blair Family in Front of the "Moorings," 19<sup>th</sup> Century

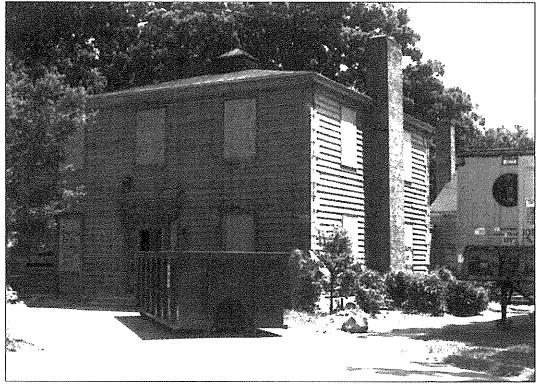


Photograph 2
House as it Appeared in 1934 When Donated to the State of Maryland

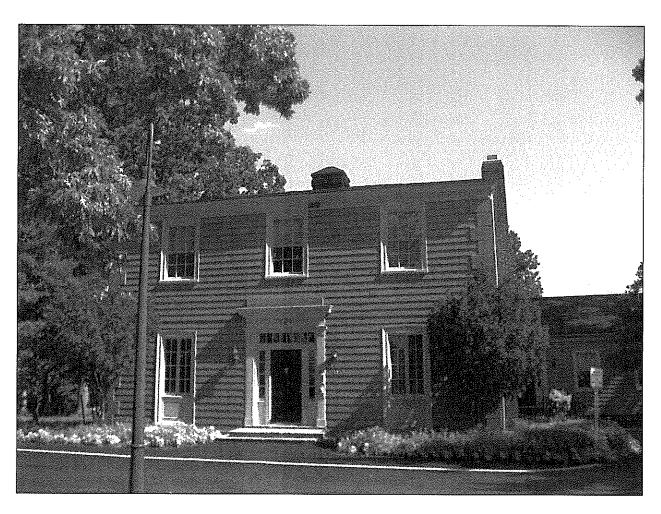


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House as it Appeared CA. 1935 After Colonial Revival Design by Architect Howard Cutler

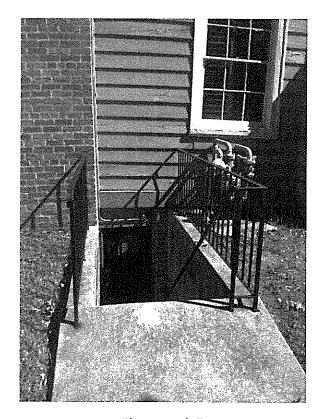




Photographs 4 (top) and 5 (bottom) 1991 Conversion to Transitional Housing



Photograph 6
Exterior – Post 1991 Conversion



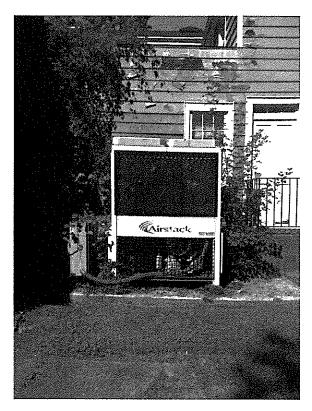
Photograph 7
Open Areaway to South Side of Main House



Photograph 8
Open Exterior Stair to Library Wing Basement



Photograph 9
Porch, Stairway & Ramp at Library Connector & Library Wing Entrance



Photograph 10 Existing Chiller

#### 6. TREE SURVEY

To be provided with HAWP.

#### 7. ADDRESS OF ADJACENT AND CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS:

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## Window Type: "Tape Pulley" Windows

Identified with a black circle (1). Multi-light wooden, (possibly) single-hung sash windows. The bottom sash is weighted by metal tape that spools into a circular, disc-like cassette, similar to a tape measure. These cassettes are inserted into the studs that frame each window opening. Though consultation with architectural historians at Mount Vernon, it was determined that these are 'strap pulleys' that were in wide use beginning at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. These strap pulleys were employed when the window frame was constructed without enough room for pocket weights, as is the case in the Jesup Blair House. The earliest patent known to Mount Vernon staff is c1880s, which post-dates Jesup Blair House's date of construction. The popularity of this system through the twentieth century, particularly in situations that did not allow for pocket weights, gives credence to the theory that these windows date to a later development phase, including possibly the significant campaign in the 1930s.



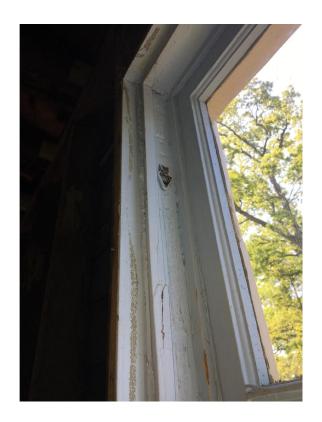
## Window Type: "Tape Pulley" Windows

- 18 windows
- Located in the main historic mass and second floor of rear ell.

























### Window Type: Double-Hung Sash Windows

 Identified with 'less-than, greater-than' symbols (<22>).
 Multi-light wooden, doublehung sash windows, with traditional sash weights suspended by rope cords.



## Window Type: Double-Hung Sash Windows

- One 6/6 and six 4/4 windows
- Located in the rear (east)
   elevation of the main mass and
   the rear (east) and left (north)
   elevation of the rear ell.









# Window Type: Paired Eight-light Casement Windows

• Identified with brackets ([4]). Paired eight-light wooden casement windows, with what appears to be 20<sup>th</sup> century hinges and hardware.



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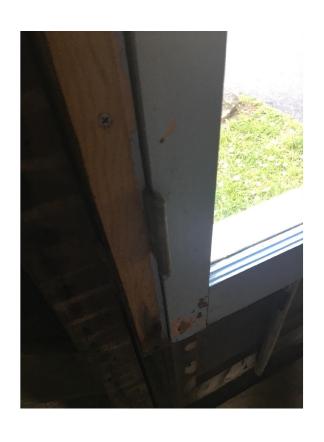
- Two paired eight-light casements
- First floor of the front (west) elevation.

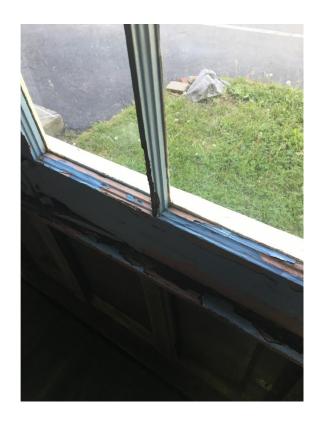












### Window Type: c1942 6/6 Sash Windows

• Identified with a white circle (⑥). Six-over-six, (likely) single-hung wooden sash windows with traditional sash weights suspended by rope cords. These windows are located exclusively in the Library addition, which was constructed in 1942.

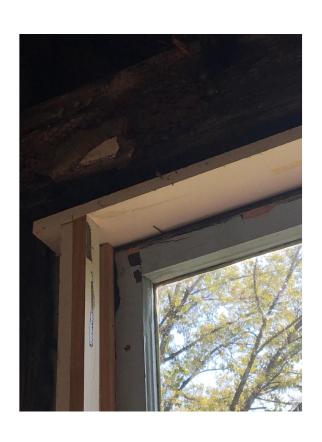


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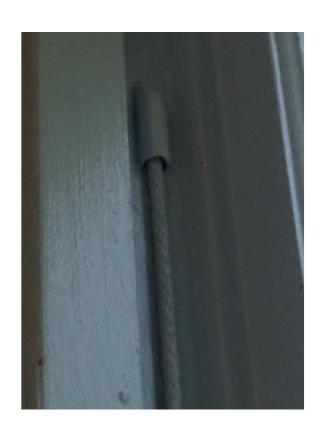
- Thirteen 6/6 windows
- Located in the library addition, constructed in 1942, and rear (east) elevation of the 'library connector'.













# Window Type: 12/12 Metal Track Sash Windows

Identified with simple digits (16).
 Twelve-over-twelve, wooden sash windows, employing aluminum tracks and flashing (and possibly springs), rather than sash weights. These windows are non-historic, obviously dating to a later building phase.



# Window Type: 12/12 Metal Track Sash Windows

- Two 12/12 sash windows
- First floor of the right (south) elevation of the 'library connector'.

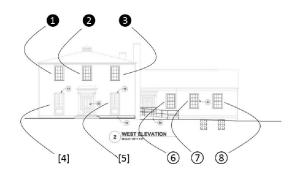


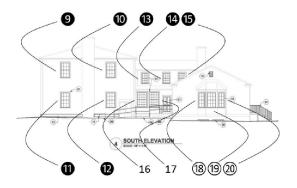


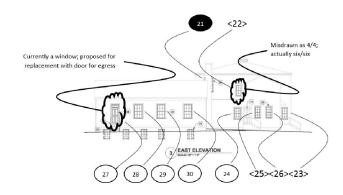


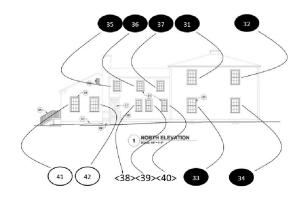


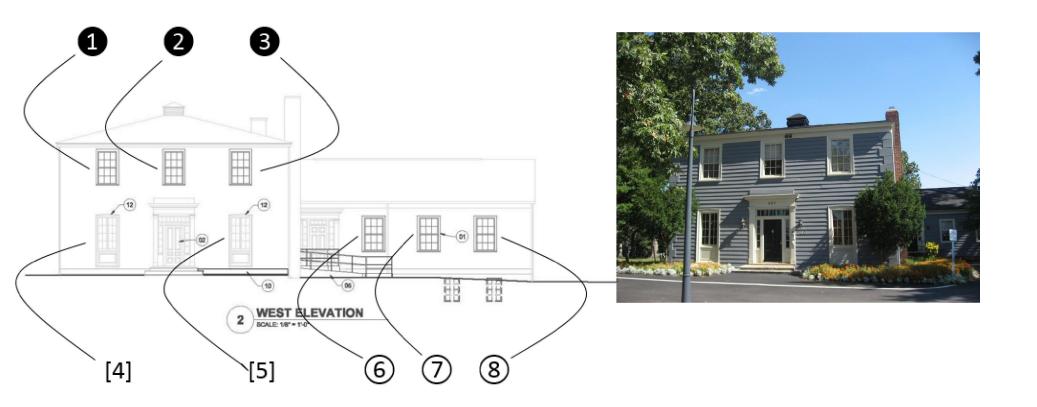
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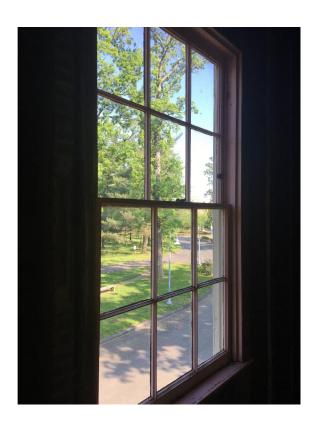












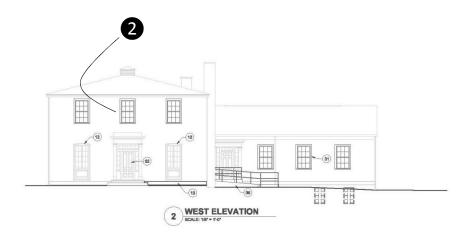








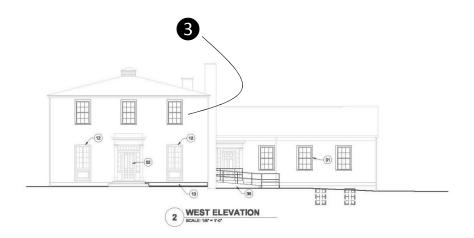












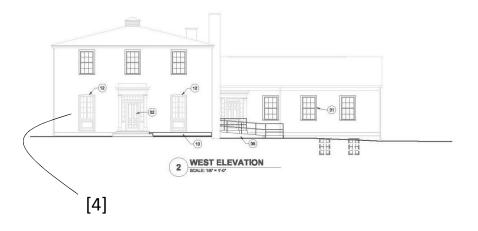




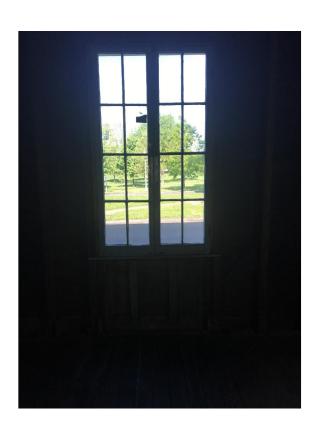


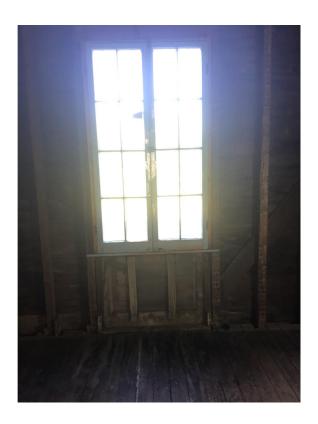
















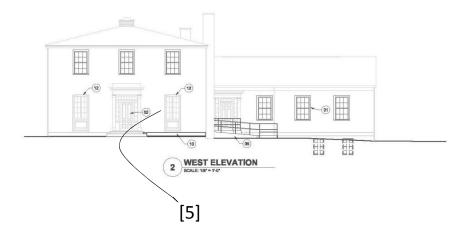














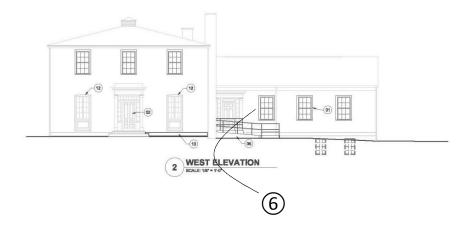










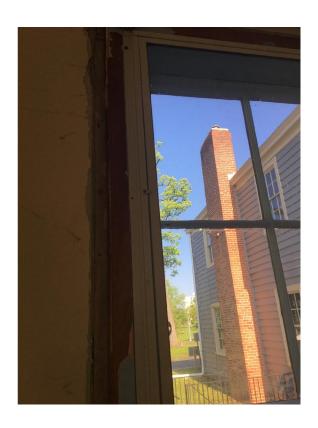












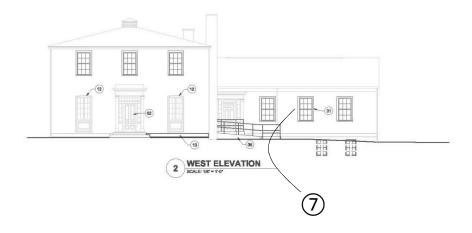






















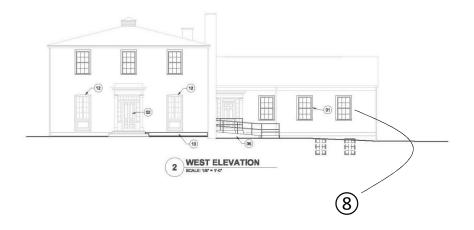
















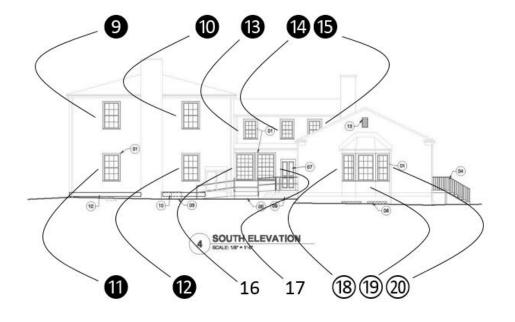




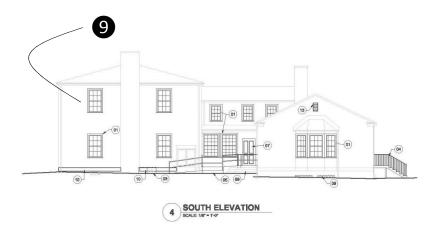






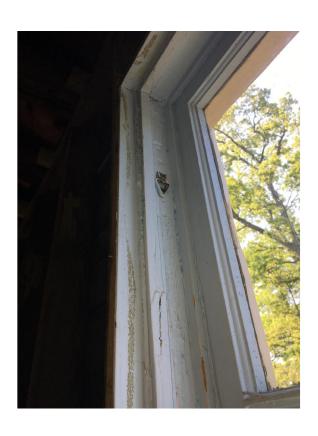














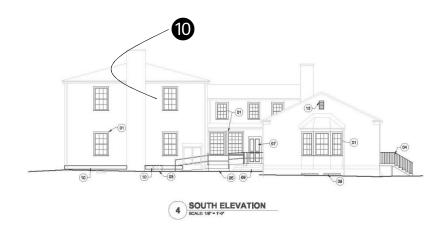




















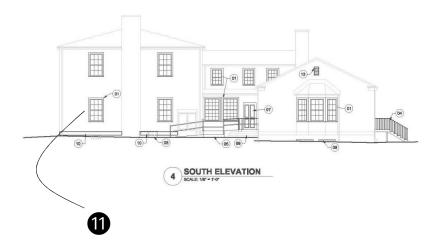








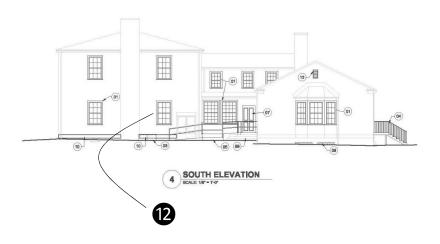


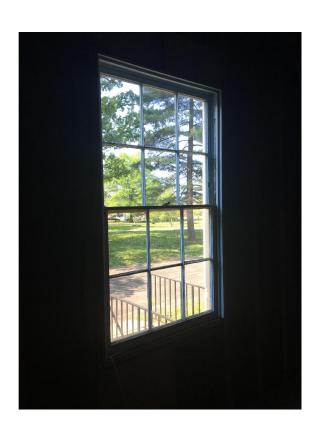


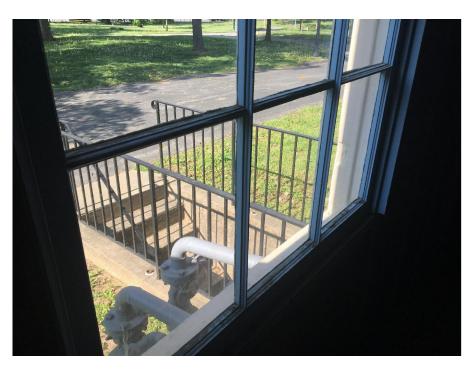










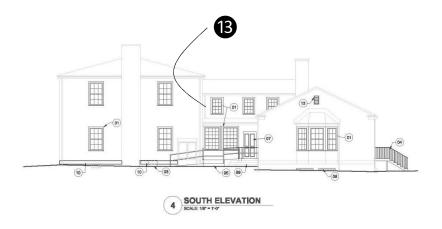




















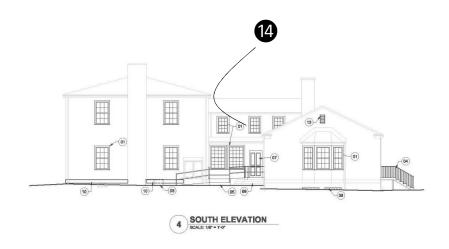






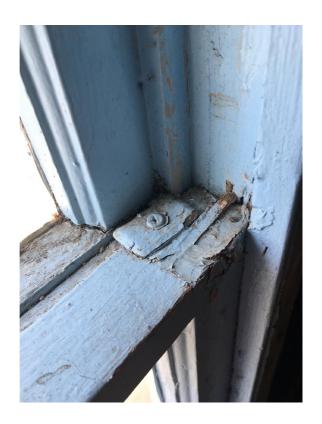




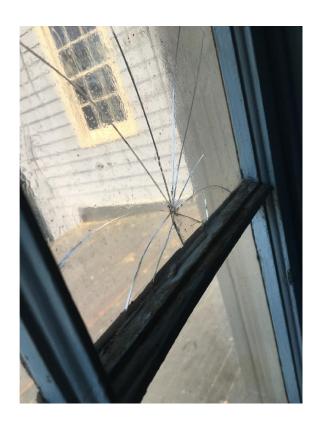




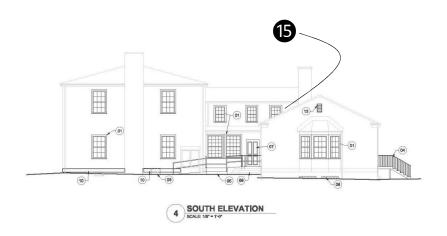






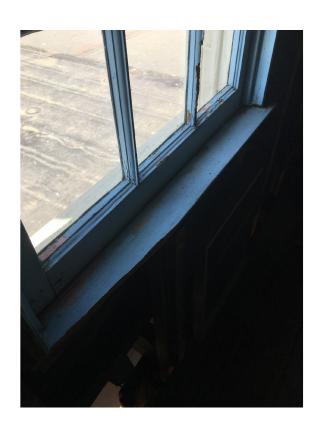


















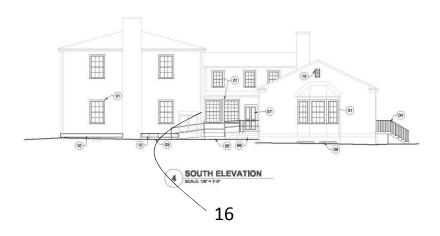


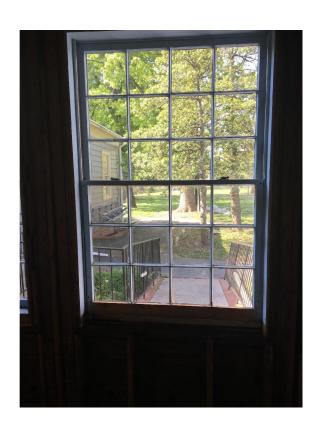


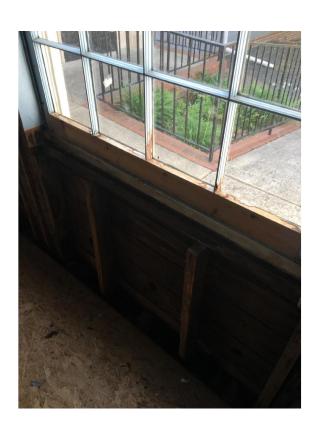


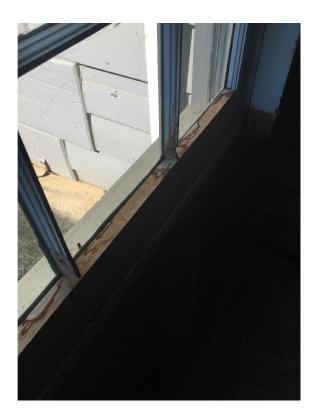








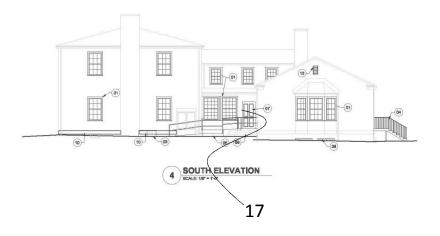












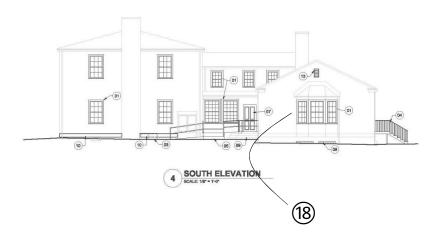
















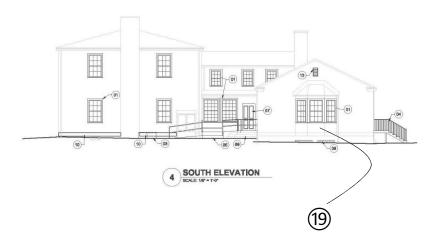










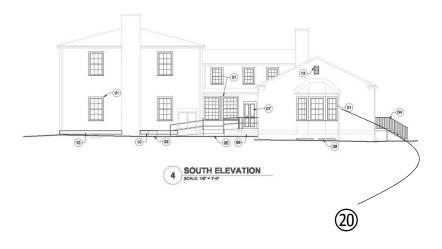










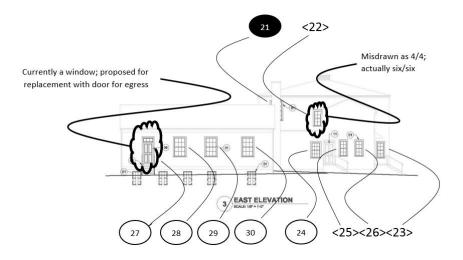




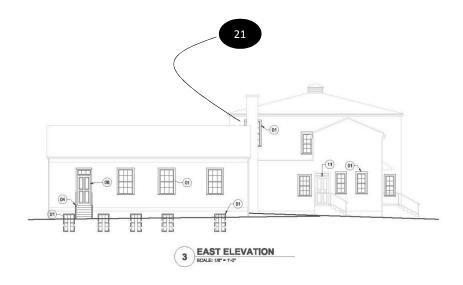














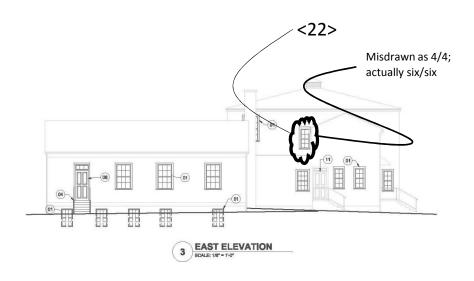














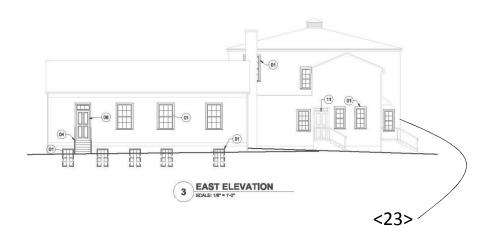








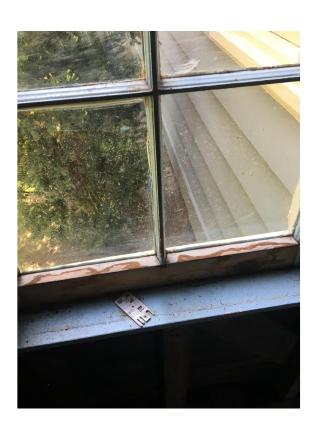




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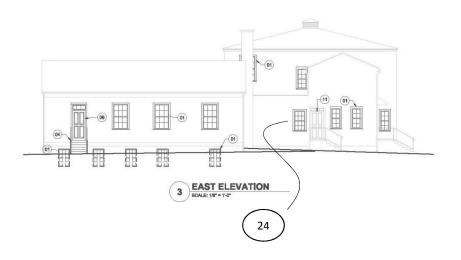




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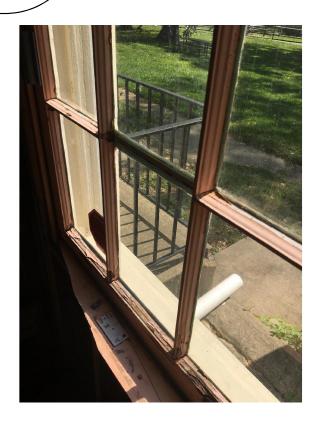


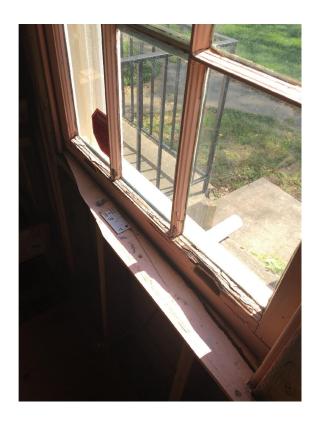




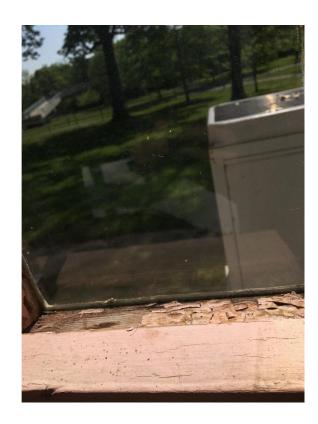


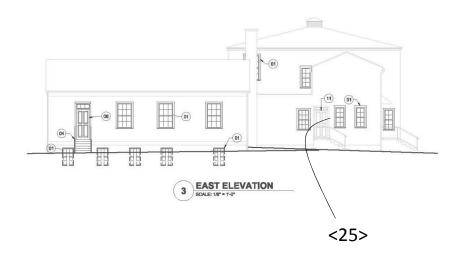




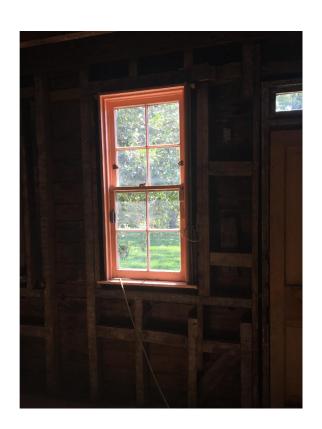








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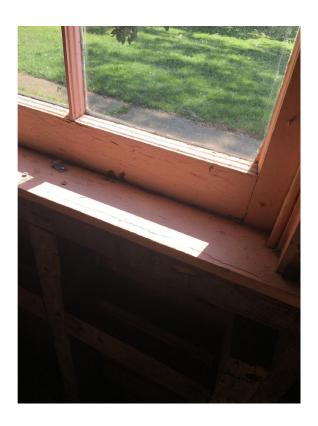


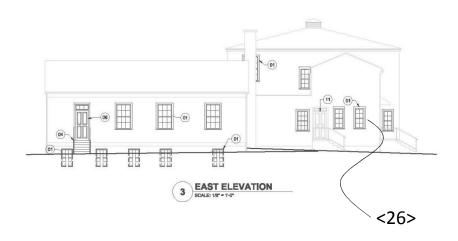
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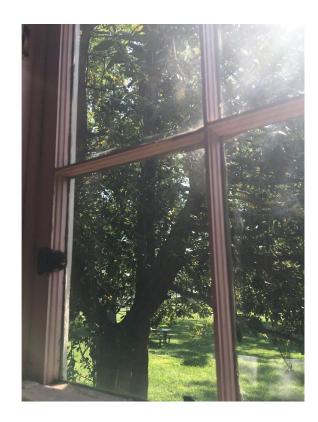


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